C. Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs)

1. CMC Ltd.:

The aim of the company is to offer Information Technology solutions and services to improve competitiveness of customers through maintenance, system integration, networking, software development and education and training. Application of Information Technology in various sectors of economy through turn key projects, systems consultancy, systems engineering and other services.

2. Semiconductor Complex Ltd.:

The company is operating in the field of micro-electronics and is primarily engaged in design, development and manufacture of Vary Large Scale Integrated Circuits (VLSIs) and VLSI based systems and sub-systems.

3. ET & T Ltd.:

The company has since been closed. However, the activity relating to Computer Education and Training is being continued by the company.

Human flesh through websites

†1292. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "website ke jariya bhi parosa ja raha hai manav mans" and "Manav mans vyavsaya ko kanuni jama pahanana chahti hai campaniyan" published in the 'Rashtriya Sahara' dated the 2nd and 3rd, 2001; and

(b) if so, whether any action has been taken to discontinue these kinds of Internet websites; if so, the action taken; if not, the reasons therefor?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The website is hosted outside India and thus does not fall under Indian jurisdiction. It is also not technically possible to block access to this site completely from India.

Promotion of Hardware Sector

1293. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the growing negligence towards the Information Technology Hardware Sector in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have any plan to pay adequate attention to the promotion of hardware sector;

(c) if so, the defails thereof; and

(d) the steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Government is aware of the need to promote IT Hardware production in the country.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) and (d) The steps taken by Government to promote IT Hardware Industry are given in the Statement.

Statement

Steps taken by the Government to promote IT Hardware Sector

1. Export Promotion Capital Goods scheme (EPCG) has been rationalized and extended uniformly to all sectors without any threshold limit on payment of 5% duty.
2. Approvals for all foreign direct investment proposals relating to the Information Technology sector, with the exception of Business-to-consumer (B2C) e-commerce are under the automatic route.
3. Electronics Hardware Technology Park (EHTP) Scheme is